

**CULTURAL AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA
New Delhi, 29 November 1977**

INSPIRED by the common desire to establish and develop closer cultural relations between the two countries in the spirit of the high ideals of the Constitution of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation; and

DESIROUS OF promoting and developing such relations and understanding in every possible manner, especially in the realm of art, culture, education and sports;

HAVE AGREED to conclude the following Agreement :

Article 1

The Contracting Parties shall facilitate and encourage cooperation between the two countries in the fields of art and culture, education including academic activity therein, and sports and games in order to contribute towards a better knowledge of their respective cultures and activities in these fields.

Article 2

The cooperation envisaged in Article 1 of this Agreement shall be realised by the Contracting Parties, *inter alia*, through :

- (a) cultural and intellectual exchanges;
- (b) reciprocal visits of representatives of educational, literary, and sports associations/organisations and participation in congresses, conferences, symposia and seminars;
- (c) participation in each other's international film festivals.
- (d) exchange of materials in the fields of culture, education, sports, translation and exchange of educational, cultural and sports

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publications and wherever possible, exchange of art specimens and exhibitions; and

- (e) reciprocal facilities to archaeologists to gain experience and training in regard to excavations, preservation and display of archaeological finds and exchange of specimens, replicas or casts.

Article 3

Each Contracting Party shall endeavour to provide facilities and scholarships to students of the other country seeking to study in its institutions of higher education.

Article 4

The Contracting Parties shall examine the diplomas, certificates and university degrees granted by the other Contracting Party with a view to arriving at their equivalence.

Article 5

The Contracting Parties shall encourage visits of sports teams between the two countries and shall facilitate their stay and movements in their respective territories.

Article 6

The Contracting Parties shall, to the extent possible, ensure that text-books prescribed for their educational institutions, particularly those relating to history and geography, do not contain any error or misrepresentation of facts about each other's country.

Article 7

For the purpose of fulfilment of the objectives of the present Agreement, a Joint Committee may be established by the Contracting Parties, as and when considered necessary, consisting of an equal number of representatives of the two Governments. The Joint Committee shall meet as agreed upon between the Contracting Parties at the request of either of them, alternately in New Delhi and Colombo.

The Joint Committee shall be responsible for :

- (a) drawing up of an annual programme of activities under this Agreement;
- (b) keeping under periodical review the working of the Agreement in the two countries;
- (c) recommending to the Contracting Party concerned any items of

interest to that party in the field within the scope of this Agreement; and

- (d) generally advising the Contracting Party concerned as to the manner in which the working of the Agreement may be improved upon.

Article 8

The present Agreement shall come into force upon exchange of Instruments of its Ratification between the Contracting Parties. It shall remain in force for a period of five years and thereafter shall be renewed automatically for further periods of five years each time, unless either Contracting Party gives to the other party a written notice, six months in advance, of its intention to terminate the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorised representatives of the Contracting Parties have signed the present Agreement and have affixed their seals thereto.

DONE at New Delhi on this day of Eighth Agrahayana, 1899 (SAKA) corresponding to this Kujā Dina, third day of Awa of the month of IL, Buddha Varsha 2521 and to the 29th Day of November, 1977 (A.D.) in six originals two each in the Hindi, Sinhala and English languages, all the texts being equally authentic provided that in case of doubt the English text shall prevail.

For the Government of the
Republic of India

For the Government of the
Republic of Sri Lanka

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